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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Plague in Cape Town.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a telegram of the 8th instant from the vice consul-general at Cape Town which reads as follows, viz, "Plague exists in Cape Town."

Respectfully,

DAVID J. HILL,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

BRAZIL.

Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *January 3, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for December 1 to December 15, inclusive.

There were 563 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 25, as compared with the foregoing period, being at the rate of 37.53 per diem and corresponding to an annual death rate of 17.58 per thousand against 39.2 and 18.36, as compared with the previous fortnight.

The number of deaths in regard to infectious and contagious diseases was as follows: Tuberculosis, 114 against 104; smallpox, 27 against 35; malarious fever, 24 against 29; plague, 7 against 10; beriberi, 3 against 6; dysentery, 3 against 2; influenza, 3 against 2; typhoid fever, 2, the same as before; diphtheria, 2 against 0; measles, 0 against 6; yellow fever, 0 against 3.

Plague.

The march of plague at Rio de Janeiro has been as follows:

Date.	New cases.	Deaths at—		Cured.	Number of patients in hospital.	Date.	New cases.	Deaths at—		Cured.	Number of patients in hospital.
		Hos-pital.	Resi-dences.					Hos-pital.	Resi-dences.		
Dec. 1...	1	.....	.....	.....	18	Dec. 9...	2	2	.....	1	15
Dec. 2...	1	.....	.....	.....	19	Dec. 10...	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Dec. 3...	.....	2	.....	.....	17	Dec. 11...	1	.....	.....	.....	16
Dec. 4...	1	.....	.....	1	17	Dec. 12...	.....	1	.....	.....	16
Dec. 5...	1	.....	.....	2	16	Dec. 13...	1	1	.....	.....	15
Dec. 6...	.....	1	.....	.....	15	Dec. 14...	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Dec. 7...	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	Dec. 15...	1	.....	.....	7	9
Dec. 8...	4	.....	.....	3	16						

Bills of health.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health at this office: December 18, steamship *Coleridge*, British, for New York. December 19, steamship *Llandudro*, British, for

United States via St. Lucia, and barkentine *White Wings*, American, for Baltimore. December 21, steamship *Severn*, British, for New Orleans. December 22, bark *Julia Rollins*, American, for Baltimore. December 24, ship *Albaria*, British, for Manila, and ship *King Centric*, Norwegian, for Mobile. December 26, steamship *Kafir Prince*, British, for New York. December 31, bark *Maristary*, Uruguayan, for Pensacola. January 2, schooner *Mabel Jorden*, American, for Philadelphia, and bark *Margaret Mitchell*, British, for Ship Island.

Respectfully,

W. HAVELBURG, M. D.,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *December 31, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended December 29, 1900: Eight hundred and fifty-four individuals were bathed during the week and 900 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. One case of bubonic plague was reported during the week, making a total of 2 cases during the month. No other cases of quarantinable disease were reported during the week.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Report of vessels inspected at Hongkong, China, week ended December 29, 1900.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Destination.	Crew.	Passengers.		Re-jected.
				Cabin.	Steer- age.	
Dec. 24	Br. str. Loong Song (a b).....	Manila.....	70	19	28	0
Do.....	Br. str. Esmeralda (a).....	do.....	56	11	68	0
Dec. 25	Am. str. Argyll (c).....	Portland.....	34	0	0	0
Dec. 26	Br. str. Glenartney (c).....	New York.....	48	6	0	4
Dec. 27	Am. str. Kwallum (a).....	Manila.....	11	0	0	0
Do.....	Br. str. Yum Sung (a b).....	do.....	70	0	36	0
Do.....	Am. str. Wo Hing (a).....	do.....	10	0	0	0
Dec. 28	Am. str. Victoria (a b).....	Tacoma.....	84	0	16	0
Do.....	Jap. str. Rosetta Maru (a).....	Manila.....	113	35	212	0
Do.....	Am. str. China (a b d).....	San Francisco.....	166	11	291	2
Do.....	Br. str. Diamanti (a b).....	Manila.....	70	20	17	1
Dec. 29	U. S. S. Alexander.....	Norfolk.....	35	0	0	0

a Steerage passengers bathed and effects disinfected.

b Crew bathed and effects disinfected.

c Supplemental bill of health.

d Holds and steerage disinfected with sulphur to kill rats.